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EDITORIALS

YOU CAN HELP!

An epidemic of polio is a terrible thing. They come each year now, it seems. And polio strikes where least expected with a ferocious suddenness.

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How much will be needed in the year 1950? No one can say. But it would be impossible to spend too much on research into the causes of polio.

There are only a few days left in the 1950 March of Dimes drive. Perhaps you have already given. If not, do so today. If you have given, maybe you will give again. Join the March of YOUR Dimes!

LANDGOING NAVY

Punsters are now chiding the U. S. Navy for the landgoing venture of the Battleship Missouri off Old Point Comfort. The Mighty Mo hove to on a mud bank and all the king's horses and all the king's men could do nothing about it. It was the last straw for the Navy, the ultimate indignity. Like the girl who hung her clothes on a hickory limb, the last battleship in active operation, showed no inclination to go near the water.

There will be investigations and somebody will have to offer up as a sacrificial offering. But, perhaps the incident will tend to refresh up in observing that battleships are obsolete. It costs nearly $7 millions a year to keep the Mighty Missouri in commission. It's value is mainly sentimental. Nearby the mud flats holding the Missouri is the unfinished Kentucky. Started in 1942, work on the Kentucky was abandoned at the stage of 80 per cent completion.

We are proud of the vast waters of the finest harbor on the eastern coastline, the great Hampton Roads. It is incredible to us that a pilot should be unable to guide the battleship Missouri safely into that vast expanse. But, maybe the pilot really grounded the future of all battleships.

PLATOON SYSTEM?

A wag wonders if the divorce rate in some levels of American society means that we are installing the platoon system in the home as well as on the football field!

WITH OTHER EDITORS

ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT

(From Roanoke World-News)

Governor Battle lends support to the growing movement to bring local school boards closer to the people. He endorses a proposal by State Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., to turn the appointing authority over to county boards of supervisors, at present the responsibility of electoral boards chosen by circuit court judges. Since this proposal now takes on the authority of an Administration recommendation it seems certain of passage.

A MASTER CRAFTSMAN

(From The Atlanta Journal)

Benjamin Franklin's birthday was January 17, 1706, and its anniversary this week is being celebrated by printers over the nation as well as by lending institutions that wish to encourage thrift. Every American schoolchild knows the story of the youthful Franklin's arrival in Philadelphia, his employment at a printing shop, and his steady rise to wealth and fame in the new nation. It is a tale of success, achieved through merit, that beggars Horatio Alger.

Here was a man whose father was an obscure English immigrant, a tallow chandler and soap boiler in provincial Boston who apprenticed his son to a printer, in order to keep him from going to sea. Yet Franklin became a leading intellectual, philosopher, inventor and politician of the enlightened Eighteenth Century. When he died in 1790, it is recorded that the entire civilized world was saddened, and the French Assembly, thousands of miles across the gray Atlantic, went into three days of mourning.

What the author of "Poor Richard's Almanac" would have thought of our modern spendthrift ways cannot be stated with certainty, but there is plenty of comfort among his sayings for those who feel the nation cannot spend itself to prosperity. It was Benjamin Franklin who said "He that goes a-borrowing goes a-sorrowing," and "A man may, if he knows not how to save as he gets, keep his nose to the grindstone."

As for liberty, Franklin had something to say on that subject that is even more timely than what he said about honesty, thrift and hard work: "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

CYCLE

(From Wall Street Journal)

In infancy he drank his milk,
As did the others of his ilk.
Later, when he went to school,
Ice cream sodas were the rule.
High school brought him to an age
With cokes and ginger ale the rage.
While college found him making merry
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—Benjamin Harvey Hill, in an address before the Southern Historical Society at Atlanta, in 1874.

FOOTNOTE TO A STICKUP

(From Minneapolis Tribune)

The newspapers reported on Wednesday that gunmen hauled off more than $1,500,000 from the Boston offices of Brink's, Inc. A cool million of the swag was in cash, too, a fact which is not likely to lessen the elation of the lawless gents who carted it away. If they happen to think of it, they may also be gladdened by the knowledge that what they got was equivalent to $4,350,000 after federal income taxes are deducted. That is to say, if an ordinary law-abiding citizen wanted to accumulate $1,000,000 all in one chunk, he would first have to scrape together roughly $4,350,000. The federal tax collectors would take about $3,350,000 of that, leaving him briefly with $1,000,000, until the state tax collectors started working on him.

We don't imagine the gang that stuck up Brink's in Boston is worrying much about the income taxes, either state or federal. It is not likely that any of them stopped to say, "Look, Butch, we got the equivalent of $4,350,000 after federal income taxes." We just thought we'd make the point that $1,000,000 in cold cash doesn't come very easy these days, except for those who are foolish and desperate enough to bypass the federal tax collectors with a gun.

Nationalist China charges against Soviet shelved by UN.

Defendants in Tucker auto case are acquitted.

Parking meters netted $30,600 in Danville.

Five youths being held in Lynchburg on series of charges for breakings in surrounding area.

Famous Natural Chimneys at Mt. Solon One of Virginia's Interesting Sights

The time-honored American custom of silver dollar tossing is supported in a legend concerning famous Natural Chimneys at Mt. Solon, Virginia, says the Virginia Travel Council. According to an 80-year old resident of the vicinity, resting atop one of the seven, over 100-foot monoliths, is a silver dollar thrown there many years ago by a young man. If so, it should still be there for there is no recent knowledge of anyone climbing this rugged, towering pinnacle of ancient stone to reclaim it. Thousands of visitors from the United States and foreign countries each year climb stone steps to the tops of two others of these natural wonders while listening to music "piped" from below, giving an added ethereal atmosphere to the setting.

At first glance, the Natural Chimneys bear a striking resemblance to the ruins of a medieval castle until closer observation reveals gnarled cedar trees mysteriously growing from the solid rock surfaces. Judging by ancient prints, and one photograph in particular, which was made over 65 years ago, these trees, some of which apparently defy nature not only by growing from rock but by living without bark, are probably hundreds of years old. The age of the chimneys runs into the millions of years as evidenced by layers of sedimentary rock in precise horizontal design that expose a detailed history of the pre-historic past of this section of the world. Geologists point to a low stratum of burnt-colored rock as proof that the area once had an active volcano. Though the bases of some of the chimneys are large, natural tunnels presumably cut in centuries past by the nearby river which once flowed through them. It is near the arch of the tunnel, through one chimney which is completely separate from the others, that the guide points out a round hole made by a former tenant many years ago for the purpose of dynamiting away the support so as to topple this enormous stone pillar to the ground in an effort to stem a disastrous flood in the area. He was implored by a neighbor to stop in the nick of time. This particular column has been estimated to weigh approximately a half million tons and leans from the perpendicular thirteen feet six inches as it rises again over the famed Leaning Tower of Pisa.

From a cave beneath the chimneys and from surrounding territory have been collected many relics of past inhabitants, and these interesting objects are on display in the gift shop. Notable among them are many arrow heads, some of which were made from stone known to exist only two places in the world, Montana and Sweden, so are presumed to have been dropped there by nomadic Indians from the great northwest. Also on display are evidences of beadwork, cutting tools, earthenware and pottery indicating a high culture of the five tribes of Indians who were known to have been residents here. These relics are of particular interest to the blind as they are extended the privilege of holding and feeling these objects.

Pre-historic deposits of fossils, bones and what is known as "concretions" rocks, formed by the earth much in the same manner as a pearl is formed by an oyster, are also displayed. The Smithsonian Institute has shown a recent interest in some of the bone fossils and is currently conducting studies on them. The tooth of the extinct wart hog and of beavers no longer found anywhere near this area can also be seen.

Of more recent historical interest is a collection of military buttons left behind by Southern troops which camped in this area during the Civil War, although unexplainably out in centuries past by the nearby river which once flowed through them. It is near the arch of the tunnel, through one chimney which is completely separate from the others, that the guide points out a round hole made by a former tenant many years ago for the purpose of dynamiting away the support so as to topple this enormous stone pillar to the ground in an effort to stem a disastrous flood in the area. He was implored by a neighbor to stop in the nick of time. This particular column has been estimated to weigh approximately a half million tons and leans from the perpendicular thirteen feet six inches as it rises again over the famed Leaning Tower of Pisa.

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APPLE TREE POPULATION ON DECLINE IN VIRGINIA

Virginia's apple tree population declining.

A. H. Teske, Extension fruit specialist at V. P. I., says number of apple trees in the has decreased 25 to 30 per cent the last 15 years, and probably fall another 20 per cent in th 10 years.

Teske says the marked decin the number of apple trees caused by many old orchards belitt's replanting. Production has fallen off at a pace to match decrease in tree numbers, he tinued decline in the number trees will seriously affect the apple income.

Also affected will be income related storage and processing dustries.

The Piedmont, with its Winesap production and low yields, has had the biggest of any section of the state.

Too many old trees there, a single variety, which prevents quate cross-pollination.

Albemarle, Nelson, and Augusta have had "tremendous" drops Shenandoah, Frederick and Fauquier also have had marked decreases Teske said.

Many experts believe growers going to have to put out plantings on proper sites, and enough varieties to insure adequate pollination. At the present time of Virginia's top varieties set a a crop with their own pollen.

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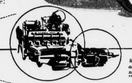

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Rocks

Rocks, Jan. 23.- Mrs. C. S. Ranson and children and Mrs. Helen Ranson attended the birthday party given Miss Dorothy Ann Paulette recently.

Misses Louise and Ruth Ranson were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Ranson Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. D. A. Pugh spent a few days last week with her father, G. T. Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Payne went to Red House last Sunday to get Mrs. Elder's father, Mr. Myers, who spent several days there.

Mrs. H. W. Ranson took her daughter, Mary Edith, to Appomattox last Tuesday to se the doctor again. She has returned to school.

Mrs. J. P. Ranson, Jr. and Tommy and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leonard Jr., of Norfolk spent a few days last week with the former's mother, Mrs. D. R. Ivey.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson and Danny, of Brookneal, and Rev. R. T. Smith, of Bedford, and Dr. Bailey, of Brookneal were in the neighborhood Friday.

Misse sAnn and Faye Ranson spent Saturday night with Charlene Ranson.

Stanley Roach was sick Sunday.

Mrs. Victor Jones, of Newport News and Randolph Marsh and daughter, Annette, of Norfolk spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Friends are glad to know Ashby Marsh is improving rapidly after his recent operation.

R. L. Jennings was taken sick while at church Sunday.

Mrs. Percy Carter and Samuel Edward went to Appomattox this afternoon to return home with Mr. Carter.

Miss Annie C. Martin, of Lynchburg spent the week-end at her home here.

Miss Odelle Ranson, of Lynchburg returned home Sunday after being away for some time. She is improving rapidly.

Claude Leffel is on the sick l.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Jan. 24.- Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Garrett spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Clara Garrett.

Mrs. Mayme Kelly and Mrs. Maude Deaner, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. LeGrande.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Farrar, of Roanoke are visiting at their home here this week.

C. J. Paulette called in the home of O. C. Paulette and family the past week.

Mrs. Jim Inge, of Pamplin visited her father, J. R. Hamilton, here on Sunday.

William Baker, of Richmond visited his mother, Mrs. Mabel W. Baker Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Wooldridge and daughter, Barbara Ann, visited the Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter at Charlottesville the past week.

Those on the sick list this week include Mrs. Ryland Staples, J. R. Hamilton, Virginia Lee Franklin and Mrs. Emma Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Baker, of Richmond; Mrs. Chap Harvey and daughter, of Darlington Heights and Mrs. C. J. Paulette called in the home of Mrs. Emma Thomas the past week.

Evergreen, Jan. 24.- Mrs. Emma Evans is improving after a recent illness. Her daughter, Mrs. Edd Duffman, of Lynchburg, spent several days last week with her.

Mrs. S. J. Evans and mother, Mrs. Jennie Johnson, of Appomattox visited Mrs. W. E. Warriner last Saturday night.

Miss Jean Calloway, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Misses Eulalia and Elnora Glover. Those who called on Sunday afternoon were Misses Marjorie and Gladys Womack, and Alean Womack, of Darlington Heights, Va.

Mrs. David Garrett and mother, Mrs. Eddie Warriner were dinner guests with Mrs. P. A. Garrette last Thursday, near Vera, Va.

Mrs. G. W. Glover is improving after a recent illness. Those who called to see her recently were Mrs. S. D. Thompson, Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg; Mr. J. W. Glover, of Crewe; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glover and family, J. C. Staples, Mrs. Dave Childers and Mrs. Green Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hudge and J. L. Evans spent last Sunday with Mrs. J. L. Evans in Catawba.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blackwell visited Mr. and Mrs. Green Garrett last Sunday.

Those who spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds were Paul Ferguson, of Lynchburg, and A. B. Ferguson.

Mr. J. R. Hamilton is recovering from a recent illness.

Mrs. Davitt Garrett is spending this week with Mrs. Percy Garrett, of Vera.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Jan. 24.- Most all of the farmers around here were in town Monday, selling their last load of tobacco for the season.

We are so sorry to hear that Mrs. Lula Taylor is on the sick list. She has flu. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. E. L. Chick was called to Concord last Saturday on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Frank Drinkard. She is now in the Virginia Baptist Hospital. Her mother, Mrs. W. H. Drinkard, who was living with her had to move to Mrs. Chick's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith and Anne Carson, of Lynchburg spent the past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mrs. Irby Wheeler and Jack Caldwell, Jr., who have been sick, are both improving at their homes.

The Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Hughes and daughter, Mary Frances, were visitors in Roanoke last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnette and children, of Lynchburg and Aubrey Lee Burnette spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Burnette.

Mrs. Frank Jennings and Mr. Glenn Drinkard, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick.

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